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WHEN OUT OF TOWN: Subscribers leaving the city temporarily should have The Bee mailed to them. Address will be changed as often as requested.

Dyed the Easter eggs yet? The attendance at the ball games is a pretty husky sign of returning confidence.

It is barely possible that the Denver convention may not be a one-man show after all.

These Taft announcements are becoming monotonous, says the Baltimore American. To whom?

A man named Meal is a candidate for office in Pennsylvania and his opponents are preparing to eat him up.

Speaker Cannon is said to be fond of the drama. He is certainly well qualified to present "His House in Order."

"Hobson is nervous," says the Louisville Courier-Journal, apparently failing to distinguish between nervous and nervy.

"Bryan Week in the East" is the headline in the local democratic organ. "Bryan Week in the East" might better describe it.

Lincoln Steffens announces that he will "devote some years to study." What has he been doing to bring on such a change?

A Baltimore man prophesies that the millennium will come in 1914. There's no presidential election scheduled for that year.

Alfred Austin, the English poet laureate, has written a poem on "Mozart's Grave." Mozart is in no position to defend himself.

Edgar Howard should relieve the sense of the public by uncovering the identity of that "magnificent" man in Fremont.

Massachusetts believes in the kind charity that begins at home and declines outside assistance for the Chelsea fire sufferers.

Henry James' three-act comedy will be put on the stage as soon as actors can be secured who can speak the Henry James language.

The Atlanta Constitution insists that "Taft needs Foraker." He may have needed him earlier in the fight just to demonstrate the difference.

The prominent New York woman who has voluntarily surrendered her husband to his newly found affinity is doubtless a gainer by the transaction.

According to all accounts of the last election of officers of the Omaha Woman's club, most of the club women are now accomplished adepts in the political game.

Mayor McClellan of New York says he is too busy to attend the Denver convention. A man named Hearst is showing a determination to break into the mayor's office with a jimmy.

A man arrested for stealing a lamp from a California postoffice has been sent to prison for five years, although his offense would indicate that he was looking for a light sentence.

Yale's most famous foot ball player, Walter W. Heflinger, is one of Minnesota's delegates-at-large to the Chicago convention. He will know how to help push the ball over the line for Mr. Taft.

THE IMPENDING CATASTROPHE

While Mr. Bryan's name was not mentioned at the Jefferson day banquet of the New York democrats, the speakers on that occasion were not without a favorite topic. When two or three democrats are gathered together, in more or less doubt as to how they may differ on democratic questions, their safe course is to abuse President Roosevelt.

This was the keynote of the New York Jefferson banquet. Woodrow Wilson, Senator Simmons of North Carolina and Senator Owen of Oklahoma, as the speakers, fairly fought in their rivalry for the honor of painting the most gloomy picture of the future of the republic. Senator Owen went copiously over the fate of "the millions of women and children who are forced into slavery in this country by corporate greed."

Hon. Leonidas Felix Livingston, for twenty years a representative from the Fifth Georgia district in congress, has injected a new and novel element into the campaign going on in Georgia looking to the disfranchisement of the negro voters.

The humble abode which the people provide for Washington and Jefferson and Lincoln and Grant has ceased to be the executive mansion and become the "White House" of the nation. The master lives there—it is the seat of power and dominion. Everything political begins there and everything political ends there.

Just let this thing go on as it is going on; as it has been going on with ever accelerating momentum during the last forty years of republican government and some fine morning we will wake up to find state boundaries obliterated, to find state sovereignty extinguished and find ourselves under the courts subjugated and Magna Charta, the bill of rights and our boasted privileges and immunities of American citizenship gone, with the specter of old King George stalking abroad in the land and his incarnated spirit seated in the White House.

The most lamentable feature of the situation—from the viewpoint of the democrats—is that the people do not seem to realize their imminent danger.

The mistake of Dr. Wilson and Senator Simmons lies in their failure to appreciate the sentiment of the American people as to law enforcement. The American people have had a liberal education in the uselessness of unenforced laws, and they have acquired an abiding admiration for President Roosevelt because he has used his personal power to secure the enactment and enforcement of laws for rightful and righteous ends.

PAVING COUNTRY ROADS. The paving of our country roads has so far been largely in the nature of experiment. Before going more extensively into this work, as this county is now prepared to go, the question of the most serviceable material for such road building should be most carefully considered.

According to a bulletin just issued by these authorities, the entrance of the automobile upon macadam and other rock-surfaced roads laid out for an altogether different class of vehicles works as follows:

The rubber tire, being soft, creates no rock dust itself as does the iron tire of a wagon, and the very life of these roads demands a constant supply of that material. It is the surface binder that keeps the road smooth, cracks filled in; that maintains the evenness and binds the rubble stones into one impervious mass.

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No one should get stampeded over that water works decision from any fear that it is going to stop Omaha's growth. In the first place, the judgment has not yet been entered up and, in the second place, even if Omaha were finally compelled to buy the property at the appraised price the worst consequence would be to prevent any reduction of water rates for some years to come. Omaha is going right ahead.

Our amiable contemporary, the World-Herald, has unwittingly made a mistake in discussing the financing of the proposed Loup river power canal project. The promoters of this scheme are trying to sell 6 per cent bonds, not at 90, but at 80, and offering to throw in stock of equal amount to the face for nothing. In other words, they propose to issue two dol-

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The World-Herald announces that a meeting is about to be arranged between "Fingy" Connors and Mr. Bryan. To be complete, the meeting should be attended by Parker, Sheehan, Murphy, Guffey and the other members of "the old Parker gang that helped betray the party four years ago."

Perhaps the railroad which has listed its physical property for assessment this year at three times what it swore it was worth last year is trying only to transfer the bulk of the value from the intangible franchise to the tangible right-of-way, stations and equipment.

One of the lawyers representing the city in the water works litigation is quoted as saying that he can keep the consumption of the purchase up in the air for at least five years longer. How many more drafts do the lawyers expect to make on the water fund?

The Washington Herald is criticizing Mr. Taft for being away from Washington so much. Mr. Taft will remedy that by taking a four years' lease on a large, roomy, white house, just south of Lafayette square.